

## COMMON COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Several Recommendations Made in Message From Mayor.

### SITE FOR ANNUAL FAIRS

Negro Thief Sentenced—Fugitive Escapes From Officer.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 105 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 2.—The Common Council met last night at 8 o'clock and adjourned this morning shortly after 1 o'clock. The session was a busy one and many matters of interest were discussed outside of the regular routine. It was the first experience of a night session, and this experience seemed to satisfy the honorable members as before adjournment it was voted to return to afternoon sessions in the future.

**Message From the Mayor.**  
A communication from the Mayor submitting various recommendations was read. These recommendations embraced the improvement of Brick House Run, a sewerage stream running through a part of the city, whose present conditions render it a nuisance; better protection for the public at railroad crossings in the city; an amendment to the gambling ordinance, so that offenders may be held by the police; immediate revision and completion of the city code; improvement of ventilation and water conditions at the city jail; the purchase of an incinerator plant; an appropriation, if it can be legally made, for the purchase of a new and improved fire engine; repairs to the bridge on the Appomattox, etc. The recommendations were referred to appropriate committees.

**Financial Matters.**  
The treasurer's report for the month of October showed cash receipts of \$5,059, and the Auditor's report showed expenditures of \$33,118. Chairman Patterson, of the Finance Committee, reported a recommendation for a compromise of the suit of Mrs. Alice Rogers against the city for a nuisance created on her property. The recommendation was for the payment of \$100 and costs to settle the suit. Referred.

**Mr. Maddox, from the Street Committee,** reported an ordinance prohibiting idle persons from standing or loitering on the public streets, which was adopted.

**Park for Negroes.**  
Mr. Bland, of the Public Improvement Committee, to whom the matter had been referred, reported adversely on the proposition to establish a separate park for colored people. This matter was discussed and finally referred to the park committee for report.

Various street improvements were suggested and referred to the Finance Committee.

**Reorganization of Laws.**  
Councilman Hall introduced an ordinance providing for the collection, revision, codification and publication of the laws of the city. The present code was published in 1888, since which many changes have been made and many new laws adopted. The Com-



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## PLUNGES TO DEATH IN DEEP CAVERN

Man at Work on Staunton Cave—In Loses Life—Three Others Rescued.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Staunton, Va., November 2.—The first tragedy attending the cave-ins in Staunton was enacted today when one workman lost his life in the caverns beneath the earth, another was carried down headlong into the waters, but was rescued, while two others had the earth to slip from under them, but caught on the side and scrambled out. The men were engaged in building a reinforced cement arch about fifteen feet below the street level on Lewis Street over the seam in the limestone rock which leads to the caverns below. Nearly the whole distance across the street had been arched, and they were working near the curb, opposite the residence of Jacob Yost. The earth under the curb sidewalk and a wall marking Mr. Yost's line had not been disturbed, and it was planned the first thing after dinner to brace it and the cement work was finished and the fill over the cement completed. Suddenly portions of this earth and toward the opening into the chasm which had not been completely covered and swept the men also arrested in falling. S. M. Sprouse, fifty-nine years old, and Dennett Fortune, both white, disappeared into the water, some fifty or more feet deep, ranging in places to seventy-five or eighty feet. Sprouse has not since been heard of, but Fortune rose to the surface, being carried some distance by the current, and swam to the side, held on to the rough rocks, and was shortly rescued, a rope being gotten to him. Two negroes, Warren Taylor and George Oble, saved themselves as they felt the earth slipping. Within an hour after the tragedy, the pavement and stone wall had slid off and gone into the opening for a distance of about twenty feet, possibly burying Sprouse beneath. Efforts are still being made to recover his body. The accident does not enlarge the area of the cave-ins, except as to the property, which is widened, and is content, but this earth was to have been moved to extend the arching in that direction.

**NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE MAN.**  
Strikes Him Over Head With Pitchfork, Inflicting Painful Injuries.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Boydton, Va., November 2.—O. Blaylock, a highly respectable citizen of Mecklenburg, living six miles from this place, was struck over the head and arm yesterday with a pitchfork in a difficulty with a negro living on his place, whose name he has learned, and who is now being held by the sheriff. Blaylock left here this morning for the purpose of recovering his property. Much indignation is felt here over the affair, as Mr. Blaylock is a citizen. Dr. Carter was called in to render medical aid.

**New Warehouse Will Be Built.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Newbern, N. C., November 2.—A force of workmen was busily engaged yesterday removing the debris of the Norfolk Southern freight warehouse fire, which occurred in this city Saturday night. It is understood that the structure will erect a new \$30,000 structure on the site of the one which was destroyed.

**Accidentally Killed While Hunting.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Manassas, Va., November 2.—While Archie Thomasson and Earle Hedrick were hunting near Manassas today, Thomasson's gun was accidentally discharged, the entire load entering the back of Hedrick's head, killing him instantly. Thomasson and Hedrick were brothers-in-law.

**Called to Augusta.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Alexandria, Va., November 2.—Rev. J. N. Sevier, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, has received a call to the pastorate of a Presbyterian church at Augusta, Ga. Rev. Mr. Sevier has the matter under consideration. The church to which he has been called has a membership of 700.

**Unidentified Man Killed by Train.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Alexandria, Va., November 2.—The body of an unidentified white man, about sixty years old, was found beside the railroad track, a quarter of a mile west of Seminary Crossing, Fairfax county, at noon today. The man had been killed by a train. There were no papers or marks of identification about the body.

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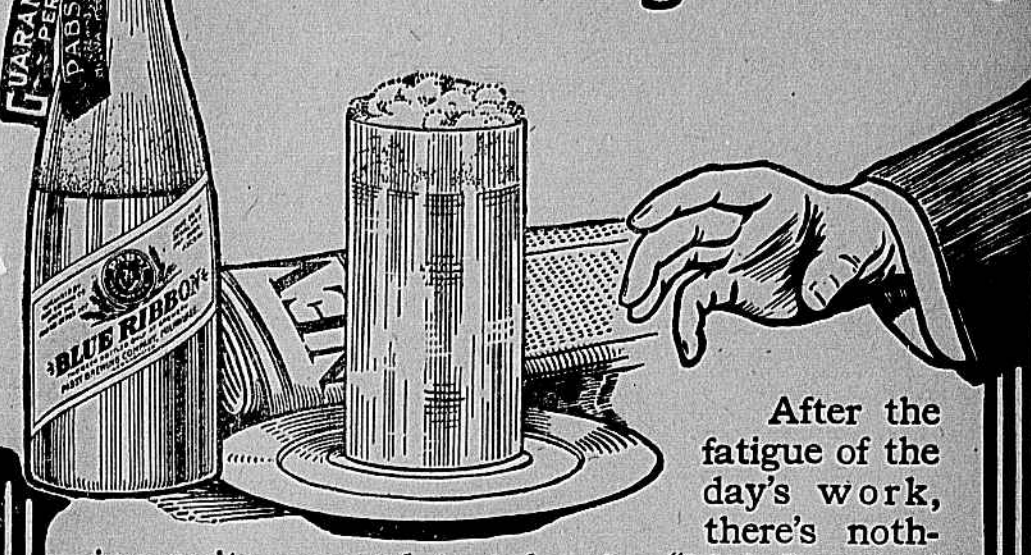
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## AUXILIARY MEETS IN ALEXANDRIA

Feature of Day's Session Is Address by Bishop Kinsolving.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Alexandria, Va., November 2.—With much missionary work, the auxiliary delegates in attendance, the largest in the history of the association, the twentieth annual session of the Virginia branch of the Women's Auxiliary convened at Christ Episcopal Church this morning. Miss Sallie Stuart, president, presided, and Mrs. George S. Branch served as secretary. An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. William J. Morton, rector of the church. Responses were made by Mrs. Arthur S. Lloyd, Miss Fannie Gibson and Miss Sallie Stuart. This was followed by the calling of the roll. The report of the emergency fund was read by Miss Lucy Gibson, showing the total amount collected during the year to be \$13,622. Bishop L. L. Kinsolving, of Brazil, was the principal speaker. He gave a very interesting address on the general missionary status of the church in Brazil. He said there were twenty-one clergymen and all but four products of the missionary work, and thirty-nine mission stations and nine church buildings, valued at \$150,000. The tongue used in preaching, he said, is Portuguese. He also explained that there are 1,200 communicants, 4,000 to 5,000 attendants and more than 4,000 people, adults and children, baptized. All of this, he said, is a rising tide of evangelization. The bishop said the evangelization of Brazil must be accomplished by the best men in the church be sent to that country. The bishop at the conclusion of his address was given a rising vote of thanks. A substantial offering was taken up for one of the Brazilian schools. Afterward there was a meeting of the Junior Society. Later the speakers and delegates were tendered luncheon and a reception was held. The women of Seminary Hill. This evening Mrs. Arthur S. Lloyd tendered the women a reception. The bishop will conclude to-morrow.

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**Ordnances of Courts of Justice**  
The court is authorized to revise, codify and republish the code, and to employ a competent lawyer, at a compensation not exceeding \$1,000 to undertake the work under the supervision of the committee. That ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee, and will doubtless be reported favorably.

**Other Ordinances.**  
Mr. Hall also reported two other ordinances which were referred. One of these provides for the publication of the annual reports of the official departments of the city and the other requires the clerk within three days after each session of each branch of the council to make complete copies of the proceedings thereof as entries upon his journal and furnish a copy to each member of the two bodies and to the Mayor.

**Site for Annual Fairs.**  
The Council adopted a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of three from the Council and two from the Aldermen to inquire into the feasibility and desirability of using a portion of West End Park for the purpose of agricultural fairs. On the part of the Council, W. R. McKenney, N. Patterson and C. W. McKenney, N. T. pointed on the committee.

**All-Round Thief Sentenced.**  
William Thomas (negro) was sentenced to jail this morning for ninety days each on three charges of larceny, and other charges are to be tried later. Thomas is from Huntington, Va., and was dropped into Petersburg several days ago. Since his arrival he has been busy stealing and converting his booty into cash. He was finally rounded up and much of his booty has been recovered. Clothing, watches, harness, and a fact anything having value was acceptable to him, and the full extent of his work has not yet been developed. William Henry Blow, the negro arrested at the time of the cave-in, was sentenced to jail this morning for ninety days each on three charges of larceny, and other charges are to be tried later. Thomas is from Huntington, Va., and was dropped into Petersburg several days ago. Since his arrival he has been busy stealing and converting his booty into cash. He was finally rounded up and much of his booty has been recovered. 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